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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Gala, et al.

App. No : 10/591,791

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For : ASSAY FOR DETECTING AND

IDENTIFYING MICRO-ORGANSIMS

Examiner : Carla Myers

Art Unit : 1634

Conf No. : 1433

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action sent September 22, 2009, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.